



# COEUR D'ALENE BASIN News Briefs

February 29, 2000

Issue No. 6

## Environmental Protection Agency Highlights

**Human Health Risk Assessment** - Contact: Sean Sheldrake - (206)553-1220

**Ecological Risk Assessment** - Contact: Anne Dailey - (206)553-2110

**Feasibility Study** - Contact: Mary Jane Nearman - (206)553-6642

**Removals** - Contact: Earl Liverman - (208)664-4858

➤ The 30-day public comment period for the Consent Decree for the Union Pacific Railroad "rails to trails" project has been extended an additional 15 days. The new deadline for comments is March 8, 2000.

➤ Three workshops were held in February with the Citizen Advisory Committee's RI/FS Task Force and other interested members of the public. Three components of the RI/FS were discussed: the Human Health Risk Assessment, the Ecological Risk Assessment, and the Feasibility Study. [refer to last page for citizen input recorded on flipcharts at the Eco RA and Feasibility Study workshops]

➤ Approximately 50 people have called the residential sampling toll-free number (1-877-284-0399) requesting to have their yards and/or private wells sampled this Spring. These will be added to the list of requests received late last year.

➤ Staff from the EPA and the State of Idaho received tours from land owner/farmer Frank Frutchev on land along the lower Coeur d'Alene River to learn about practices used by private land owners.

➤ The results of the screening level risk assessment for publicly used beaches along the Spokane River in Washington will be available at the Washington Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> (see calendar of events for meeting location).

## **Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:**

Draft Technical Memorandum No. 1. Candidate Alternatives and Typical Conceptual Designs, Coeur d'Alene River Basin Feasibility Study (dated February 4, 2000)

Electronic Data Compact Disc: Sampling Location Maps and Data Reports for Cadmium, Lead and Zinc (dated February 14, 2000)

Final Field Sampling Plan Addendum 16 - Spring 2000 Call-In Residential and Mullan Football Field Sampling (dated February 14, 2000)

Calculation of Exposure Point Concentrations for non-Lead metals, Draft Final Technical Memorandum Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (dated February 18, 2000)

**Other Agency/Entity Highlights**

**Bureau of Land Management** - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe** - Contact: Phillip Cerner - (208)667-4119

**Panhandle Health District**- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208)783-0707

**Silver Valley Naturel Resource Trustees** - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208)786-2471

SVNRT Trustee Meeting March 9, at 9:00am 114 W. Riverside, Kellogg. Success Technical Team Meeting March 8, at 1:00 PM Fish and Game on Kathleen Ave. in Coeur d'Alene. Both meetings to focus on alternatives in working draft EE/CA. Proposal will be presented at Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission meeting for potential funding.

Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission Members received letter from Gov. Kempthorne notifying them of \$750,000 federal dollars and \$500,000 anticipated State Appropriation. Commission to decide expenditure.

**State of Idaho** - Contact: Rob Hanson - (208)373-0290

**State of Washington - Department of Ecology** - Contact: John Roland - (509)625-5182

**United States Fish and Wildlife Service** - Contact: Dan Audet or Julie Campbell - (509)891-6839

**United States Forest Service** - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208)664-2318

**United States Geological Survey** - Contact: Paul Woods - (208)-387-1353

**University of Idaho** - Contact: Barbara Williams - (208)885-9436

## Calendar of Events

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**CAC RI/FS Task Force.** Coeur d'Alene Inn, 414 W.. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Task Force member roles and duties will be discussed. Chuck Clarke (EPA) and Steve Allred (DEQ) will also be in attendance to give an update on Superfund issues.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

**Success Mine Technical Team Meeting .** Idaho Department of Fish and Game on Kathleen Ave. in Coeur d'Alene, ID

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m.**

**SVNRT Trustee Meeting.** 114 W. Riverside, Kellogg.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Washington CAC.** Washington Department of Ecology (4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA.) - contact Michele Nanni (509)838-4912 for details. More discussion regarding the Spokane River sampling results.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.**

**Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition.** Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second Tuesday of each month)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Idaho CAC.** Rose Lake Historical Society Building, Rose Lake, Idaho. Discussion regarding the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Assessment.

## **Citizen Input Recorded on Flipcharts**

### **-- Ecological Risk Assessment Workshop; February 9, 2000**

Grasses as receptors?	waterfowl total population and number of birds tested?
Citizen input on receptor list?	Are we studying in order to determine how much contamination can be left in the Basin?
Individual assessment - i.e. wild rice; population vs. community assessment	Are decisions going to be economic decisions?
Idaho Fish and Game involved in receptor list decisions? Receptors list needs to be discussed with Idaho Fish and Game. Suggested contact at Fish and Game: Paul Hanna, Coeur d'Alene office.	Will site specific studies/models be used or national models?
Enough riparian plant species on list?	EcoRA schedule changes - why new schedule?
Muskrat on receptor list?	Peer review for RI/FS?
Microbes?	How can people get data?
Grasses and uptake of lead. Different varieties of grasses may vary in uptake.	Abstracts/Executive Summaries?
Will assessment be site specific and species specific?	List of Documents used in the RI/FS?
Will evaluation of migratory animals account for possible contaminant exposure from other locations?	Maps needed showing lead, zinc, cadmium concentrations in the Basin --- showing data from all available sources/reports/documents.
What is the relationship between the cold water biota standard and TMDL to the EcoRA?	<b>Citizen Input Recorded on Flipcharts -- Feasibility Study Workshop; February 16, 2000</b>
Is bioavailability of contaminants considered?	<b>Human Health Alternatives:</b>
Are the cumulative effects of metals on water fowl being considered?	Levees considered for floodplain areas? Dike construction to prevent recontamination from flooding.
What percentage of the water fowl population is being effected?	Annual soil replacement considered for floodplain areas?
There are seemingly healthy resident waterfowl in the basin.	Is relocation of people feasible? Can't force people to relocate. Can EPA afford relocation as an option?
St. Joe River vs. Coeur d'Alene Basin	How will lead paint be addressed in the Feasibility Study?